

NEWS

12-04-2011 12:22 CEST | Christian Falvey

- ▶ **Leaders of the Czech centre-right coalition have said they want the government to continue.** >>>
- ▶ **Suggestions are reportedly taking shape within Public Affairs as to who will replace the party's outgoing ministers.** >>>
- ▶ **Defence Minister Alexandr Vondra has also offered to step down to ensure the continuation of the country's coalition government.** >>>
- ▶ **Police have launched an investigation into alleged bribery within the junior coalition party, Public Affairs.** >>>
- ▶ **The European Commission has suspended payments into a Czech operational programme over alleged errors in its functioning.** >>>

CURRENT AFFAIRS

No tangible progress as coalition parties pledge to save pro-reform government

12-04-2011 15:41 | Daniela Lazarová

Petr Nečas, photo: CTK

The three parties of the Czech coalition government went back to the negotiating table on Monday to try to mend the rifts that have emerged in the wake of a crippling corruption scandal involving the junior coalition party Public Affairs. The meeting produced a verbal pledge to try to save the coalition in its present form, but no tangible progress, indicating just how difficult it may be to overcome the present crisis. [More >>>](#)

Roving exhibition remembers Iraq adventure of Zikmund & Hanzelka

12-04-2011 15:41 | Rob Cameron

An intriguing Czech exhibition is on its way to Iraq in the coming weeks, dedicated to the exploits of the Czech Republic's most famous explorers. Jiří Hanzelka and Miroslav Zikmund travelled through Iraq in 1960 as part of their voyage to the Middle East and Asia, one of several such adventures in their trademark Tatra car. On Friday Miroslav Zikmund and a delegation of visiting Iraqi politicians visited the exhibition at the Czech Senate. [More >>>](#)

SUNDAY MUSIC SHOW

Sunday Music Show

10-04-2011 | Christian Falvey



In today's edition of our Sunday Music Show we listen to more than 20 years of "avant-punk" band UŽ JSME DOMA. Though the band has gone through countless transformations in that time, it still remains one of the most innovative sounds on

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ONE ON ONE

Michal Pěchouček - AI specialist developing ways of improving aviation and protecting ships from pirates

11-04-2011 16:01 | Ian Willoughby

Though still only in his late 30s, Professor Michal

Pěchouček is an internationally recognised expert in the field of artificial intelligence. His work includes developing machines that are capable of working together without active human input, while... [More >>>](#)

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SPORTS NEWS

Sports News

11-04-2011 15:25 | Jan Velinger

In Sports News: Hockey's Vítkovice win a dramatic Game 4 to stay alive in the Extraliga hockey finals; in the NHL, goalie Vokoun blanks Washington; football's Olomouc & Ústí continue downward slide; Petr Čech and Chelsea will have their work cut out for... [More >>>](#)

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the Czech music scene and a heavy influence for new generations of Czech artists. [More >>>](#)

CZECH BOOKS

From Karel Čapek to Graham Greene: a Scottish poet's memories of Prague

09-04-2011 02:01 | David Vaughan

 In a recent edition of Czech Books we looked at the Prague-inspired poetry of the Scottish poet, Edwin Muir. But it was not just in his poetry that Muir evoked the atmosphere of the Czech capital. David Vaughan finds out more in this week's Czech Books. [More >>>](#)

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

September 1938: last-minute appeals for moderation as Hitler builds up forces on the Czech border

09-04-2011 02:01 | David Vaughan



This week we continue our look into the dramatic events in Czechoslovakia just before World War Two. By the summer of 1938, Hitler's Germany was demanding nothing less than the immediate annexation of the entire Sudetenland – all parts of Bohemia and Moravia with a German speaking majority. The Sudeten German Party had made big gains among German speakers in

local elections earlier that year, and the Nazi rhetoric of their leaders was unambiguous. [More >>>](#)

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11-04-2011 15:51 | Daniela Lazarová



The fate of the Czech government hangs in the balance in the wake of a corruption scandal involving the junior coalition party Public Affairs. The prime minister's intention to dismiss two Public Affairs ministers perceived as close allies of Transport... [More >>>](#)

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SPOTLIGHT

The history and mysteries of Zbiroh Chateau

09-04-2011 | Christian Falvey



Zbiroh Chateau has stood on its hill between the Křivoklátské and Brdy Forests since the 12th century, a beautiful thing, wistfully recalled in the famous melody by Václav Vačkář, "A Memory of Zbiroh". Until recently, memories of Zbiroh were just about... [More >>>](#)

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ARTS

Aero: cinema with an atmosphere

08-04-2011 17:43 | Ruth Fraňková



It's Wednesday night and Kino Aero in Prague's Žižkov district is swarming with people. Despite it's slightly run down interior and uncomfortable creaky chairs this small cinema has become a legendary venue here in

Prague and people don't mind spending... [More >>>](#)

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BUSINESS NEWS

Business News

08-04-2011 15:26 | Sarah Borufka




In this week's Business News: the Czech Republic's industrial output outpaces the EU average; Czech car manufacturer Škoda achieves a historic sales record; one in three German investors would no longer choose the Czech Republic as a place for investments... [More >>>](#)

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PANORAMA

New tome captures genius of pioneer of Cubist architecture Josef Gočár

07-04-2011 14:03 | Ian Willoughby

 In Prague's Old Town, on the corner of Celetná Street and Ovocný trh, you will find the House of the Black Madonna, one of the most distinctive structures in a city known for its unparalleled mix of architectural styles. It was the first building in...

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SPOTLIGHT

The home of Jumping Virgin Mary

06-04-2011 13:33 | Jan Richter



Many Czechs are familiar with the old expression Panenko Skákavá, which literally means Jumping Virgin

Mary, but few know about the origin of the phrase. Jumping Virgin Mary, or more precisely, the Virgin Mary of Skoky, is the patron of what used to...

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CZECH HISTORY

Karel Kramář: first Czechoslovak PM but flawed popular politician

05-04-2011 13:40 | Chris Johnstone



Karel Kramář earned his place in history as the first prime minister of Czechoslovakia. But his political career spanned more than

four turbulent decades. We look at a life that included a death sentence, assassination attempt and birth of a new...

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ONE ON ONE

Pavel Příkryl - Following up on People in Need's Afghan mission one year on

04-04-2011 16:37 | Christian Falvey



One year ago this month we brought you a special series on the work of Czechs in Afghanistan, primarily the efforts of the

charity organisation People in Need, which works in some of the most remote corners of the country. Our guide in many of those places...

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Sports News

04-04-2011 14:11 | Jan Velinger

In Sports News: Hockey club Třinec complete an electrifying comeback against Slavia to book a spot in the Extraliga finals; Czech goalie Vokoun confirms he will play for the national squad in the upcoming Ice Hockey World Championship in Slovakia; football...

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

The battle for the airwaves breaks out

02-04-2011 | David Vaughan



In the last couple of weeks we have looked at the growing tensions in Czechoslovakia in the second half of the 1930s, as pressure from Nazi Germany grew. The period leading up to the Munich Agreement in September 1938, when Britain and France gave Hitler...

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SUNDAY MUSIC SHOW

Brno hip hop band Čokovoko puts out new album

03-04-2011 02:01 | Jan Richter



The Brno-based duo Čokovoko is one of the most unusual occurrences on the Czech music scene.

The combination of amusing lyrics, unexpected sampling as well as rather crude singing earned them a following in clubs around the country. Čokovoko brings a...

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ARTS

Arts News round-up

01-04-2011 17:01 | Jan Velinger



In this week's Arts, we have a round-up of recent stories from the Czech arts scene. In this edition: how a new project called Artbanka

is helping emerging young artists in the Czech Republic and Slovakia; the highly-respected Prague theatre Dejvické...

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CZECH BOOKS

Olga Walló: a Bohemian tale

02-04-2011 02:01 | David Vaughan



In Czech Books this week, David Vaughan meets the poet and novelist, Olga Walló. In recent years she has become something of a literary phenomenon in the Czech Republic, even though she was over fifty when her first novel was published in 1998. Prior...

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BUSINESS NEWS

Business News

01-04-2011 15:49 | Jan Velinger



In this week's Business News: An internet website focussing on bank fees reports Czech banks charge hundreds of millions in fees per day; the new 'super employment office' – aimed at saving operational costs – begins operation; Czech national carrier...

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MAILBOX

Mailbox

02-04-2011 | Pavla Horáková



In today's Mailbox: Listeners' response to the natural disaster in Japan, reception reports, Czech learning programmes in Radio

Prague's archive, listeners' answers to last month's quiz question and a new question for April. Listeners quoted: Li Ming,...

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PANORAMA

Meet Eberhardt von Leipziger Hauptbahnhof: Prague Zoo presents its celebrities

31-03-2011 | Daniela Lazarová

□ Prague's Troya zoo is rated as one of the best zoological gardens in Europe with huge open spaces for animals and exciting trails for visitors. The zoo celebrated its 80th birthday last weekend – opening its doors to thousands of visitors and launching...

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